GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PRODUCTION OF QUALITY FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any agency to maintain quality control in the physical mixtures of fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) producing fertilizers in the country at present;

(d) the total quantity of physical mixtures made by them during each of the last three years;

(e) whether any guidelines are being issued to States on usages of fertilizer mixtures according to the availability of Soil and Type of crops; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) & (b): The Fertilizer (Control) Order (FCO) 1985 provides for adequate safeguards on manufacturing and sale of fertilizers in the country. No person is allowed to sell/manufacture any fertilizer or mixture of fertilizer, which does not conform to the standards laid down under the FCO. There are 67 fertilizer quality Control testing laboratories in the country including 4 of the Government of India at Faridabad, Mumbai, Chennai & Kalyani to test the quality of fertilizers. No separate agency has been set up by the Government of India for quality control of physical mixtures.

(c) &(d) : The Fertilizers And Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is the only fertilizer manufacturing Central Public Sector Undertaking that manufactures physical mixture of fertilizers. The total quantity of physical mixtures produced by M/s FACT during the last three years is as follows: -

Year	Quantity (In MTs)
2002-03	18847
2003-04	14141
2004-05	11415

(e) & (f): The Government of India encourages the balanced use of nutrients based on the soil test recommendation and requirement of the crops. In order to check the mushrooming of the undesired grades of mixture fertilizers, the Government of India has issued guidelines to the State Governments for regulating the grades of mixtures. However, application of these guidelines has been deferred till July 22, 2005.